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President: Mr. Rosenthal ..... (Guatemala)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (A/RES/57/185; E/2003/L.3 and Add.1-10)

Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2002/L.3/Add.6)

1. **The President** drew attention to document E/2003/L.3/Add.6 containing information on the expiration of the terms of office of five members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW). In view of the fact that the General Assembly, in its resolution 57/175, had endorsed the recommendation of the Working Group on the future operation of INSTRAW relating to replacing the current Board of Trustees with an advisory board, the Bureau considered it futile to elect new members to a body which in all likelihood would be abolished in three months' time. Consequently, he proposed that the Council should extend the terms of office of the existing members of the Board of Trustees and postpone the election of five new members until it took action on the recommendations of the Working Group at its substantive session in July.

2. *It was so decided.*

Statistical Commission (E/2003/L.3)

3. **The President** invited the Council to elect eight members of the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

4. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Cape Verde and Kenya had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Korea had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Belarus, Croatia and Ukraine had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Cuba had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

5. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from the African States, the Asian States and the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and Other States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. *Cape Verde, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, the Republic of Korea and the United States were elected members of the Statistical Commission.*

8. **The President** invited the Council to elect, by secret ballot, two members from the Group of Eastern European States.

9. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Álvarez Núñez (Cuba) and Mr. Mukta (India) acted as tellers.*

10. *A vote was taken by secret ballot*:

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
Ukraine	48
Croatia	37
Belarus	18
Czech Republic	1

11. *Having obtained the required majority, Croatia and Ukraine were elected members of the Statistical Commission.*

Commission on Population and Development (E/2003/L.3)

12. **The President** invited the Council to elect nine members of the Commission on Population and Development for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

13. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Madagascar had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Japan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; there were no candidates from the Group of Eastern European States or the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France and the Netherlands had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

14. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from all States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

15. *It was so decided.*

16. *France, Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Japan, Madagascar and the Netherlands were elected members of the Commission on Population and Development.*

17. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Asian States, one member from the Group of Eastern European States and one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

18. *It was so decided.*

19. **The President** reminded the Council that there were three additional vacancies on the Commission which had been carried over from previous elections. Two members from the Group of Asian States remained to be elected for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005. One member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be elected for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004.

Commission for Social Development (E/2003/L.3)

20. **The President** invited the Council to elect 15 members of the Commission for Social Development for a four-year term, beginning at the initial meeting of the Commission's forty-third session in 2004 and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-sixth session in 2008.

21. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Mali and Tunisia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Japan, Indonesia and the Republic of Korea had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Chile, Haiti and Peru had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France, Germany and the United States had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

22. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from all States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

23. *It was so decided.*

24. *Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Haiti, Indonesia, Japan, Mali, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Tunisia and the United States were elected members of the Commission for Social Development.*

25. **The President** said that he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Eastern European States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

26. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Human Rights (E/2003/L.3)

27. **The President** invited the Council to elect 24 members of the Commission on Human Rights for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

28. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Mauritania and South Africa had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bhutan, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nepal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Thailand had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Hungary and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras and Peru had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

29. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from the African States, the Eastern European States and the Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

30. *It was so decided.*

31. *Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Mauritania, Nigeria, Peru, the Russian Federation and South Africa were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights.*

32. **The President** invited the Council to elect, by secret ballot, six members from the Group of Asian States and three members from the Group of Western European and Other States from among the candidates listed.

33. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ndabashinze (Burundi) and Mr. Vasiliev (Russian Federation) acted as tellers.*

34. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Asian States:

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of valid ballots:	54
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
India	47
Saudi Arabia	45
Qatar	44
Bhutan	39
Nepal	39
Indonesia	33
Islamic Republic of Iran	33
Thailand	29

35. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, India, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bhutan and Nepal were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights.*

Two candidates having received an equal number of votes, a second vote was taken by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ndabashinze (Burundi) and Ms. Álvarez Nuñez (Cuba) acted as tellers.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of valid ballots:	54
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Indonesia	31
Islamic Republic of Iran	23

36. *Having obtained the required majority, Indonesia was elected a member of the Commission on Human Rights.*

Group of Western European and Other States:

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of valid ballots:	54
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Italy	47
United Kingdom	44
Netherlands	35
Portugal	31

37. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom were elected members of the Commission on Human Rights.*

38. **Mr. Siv** (United States of America), speaking in explanation of vote, said that the election of Cuba to the Commission on Human Rights was an outrage to which his delegation objected in the strongest terms. Cuba had the worst human rights record in the hemisphere, and its nomination to the Commission on Human Rights symbolized the Commission's regrettable decline in international prestige, relevance and authority.

39. While the Commission had recently been in session, with Cuba sitting as a member, the Cuban authorities had rounded up 78 opposition leaders, independent journalists and librarians, held summary trials and sent them to prison for terms of up to 28 years. The Government had also arrested three alleged hijackers and shot them to death within a week of incarceration. Those heinous acts were in keeping with a regime that had not had a free election in over 40 years, a regime that locked up its people at the whim of a dictator.

40. To its credit, and despite the strongest efforts of the Cuban Government, the Commission had repeatedly passed resolutions on human rights in Cuba. It had called on Cuba to accept a visit by a personal representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Predictably, Cuba had rejected the validity of those resolutions and refused a visit. The Cuban policy had been to thwart the Commission's work, not support it. His delegation supported the candidacies of countries with strong human rights records for nomination, election and future membership.

41. **Mr. Rodríguez Parilla** (Cuba), speaking in exercise of the right of reply, said that the prison population in the United States of America had reached 2 million; the death penalty was frequently applied, even against minors and the mentally disabled. Six hundred political prisoners, including three children,

were being held at Guantánamo in inhuman conditions and subjected to psychological torture. Five Cuban political prisoners had been tried in Miami without regard for due process; their right to appeal had been denied.

42. There were no secret military tribunals in Cuba. It was the United States, not Cuba, which awarded contracts for the reconstruction of Iraq to Halliburton Corporation without competitive bidding. In the United States, corporate corruption, as symbolized by Enron was a way of life.

43. During the recent conflict in Iraq the United States had "embedded" reporters with its troops in order to manipulate public opinion. The President of the country complaining of Cuba's election had been appointed by a partisan vote of the Supreme Court.

44. The United States blockade of Cuba was a flagrant violation of human rights. In Geneva, a few weeks earlier, the United States had voted against the right to food, health, a democratic world order and the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

45. Cuba had been elected to the Commission on Human Rights because it had the support of the majority of countries.

Commission on the Status of Women (E/2003/L.3)

46. **The President** invited the Council to elect 10 members of the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning at the initial meeting of the Commission's forty-ninth session in 2004 and expiring at the close of its fifty-second session in 2008.

47. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Ghana and Mauritius had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China and Kazakhstan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Hungary had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Suriname had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Iceland and the United States had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

48. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from all States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

49. *It was so decided.*

50. *China, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ghana, Hungary, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Mauritius, Suriname and the United States were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women.*

Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/2003/L.3)

51. **The President** invited the Council to elect 33 members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

52. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Algeria, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Hungary had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Peru, Suriname and Uruguay were the non-endorsed candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

53. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern European States and the Western European and Other States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

54. *It was so decided.*

55. *Algeria, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Croatia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, France, Germany, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Italy, Hungary, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Myanmar, Norway, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, the United States and Zambia were elected members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.*

56. **The President** invited the Council to elect, by secret ballot, six members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States from among the candidates listed.

57. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Mammedaliyev (Azerbaijan) and Mr. Kupitz (Germany) acted as tellers.*

58. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of valid ballots:	54
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Brazil	46
Peru	46
Guatemala	45
Argentina	42
Cuba	42
Chile	41
Uruguay	36
Suriname	14

59. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Brazil, Peru, Guatemala, Argentina, Cuba and Chile were elected members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.*

60. **The President** said he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Western European and Other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

61. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/2003/L.3)

62. **The President** invited the Council to elect 20 members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

63. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Botswana, Burundi, Egypt and Nigeria had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia and Thailand had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; the Czech Republic and Ukraine had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Brazil, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico and Paraguay had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Canada, Finland, the United Kingdom and the United States had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

64. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from all States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

65. *It was so decided.*

66. *Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, the Czech Republic, Cuba, Egypt, Finland, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States were elected members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.*

67. **The President** informed the Council that Germany would relinquish its seat on the Commission on 1 January 2004. Turkey had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States to complete the unexpired portion of the term, which would end on 31 December 2005. He took it that the Council agreed to elect Turkey to complete Germany's term of office.

68. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Sustainable Development (E/2003/L.3)

69. **The President** invited the Council to elect 17 members of the Commission on Sustainable Development for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting of the Commission's thirteenth session in 2004 and expiring at the close of its fifteenth session in 2007.

70. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Algeria, Burkina Faso, Ghana and Sierra Leone had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Qatar had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Georgia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Brazil, Colombia and Paraguay had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, Finland, France and Luxembourg had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

71. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from all States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

72. *It was so decided.*

73. *Algeria, Austria, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Finland, France, Georgia, Ghana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Pakistan, Paraguay, Qatar, Sierra Leone and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia were elected members of the Commission on Sustainable Development.*

Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/2003/L.3)

74. **The President** invited the Council to consider the postponed election of four members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development from the Group of Western European and Other States for a term beginning on the date of election; two terms would expire on 31 December 2004 and two on 31 December 2006.

75. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Turkey had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States for a term expiring on 31 December 2006.

76. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Turkey by acclamation.

77. *It was so decided.*

78. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the postponed vacancies, he took it that the Council agreed to further postpone the election of two members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a term expiring on 31 December 2004 and the election of one member from those States for a term expiring on 31 December 2006.

79. *It was so decided.*

Committee for Programme and Coordination (E/2003/L.3/Add.1)

80. **The President** invited the Council to nominate seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

81. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that the Comoros and Zimbabwe had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; the Bahamas and Mexico had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France and the United States had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

82. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from all States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to nominate them for election by the General Assembly.

83. *The Bahamas, the Comoros, France, Mexico, the Russian Federation, the United States and Zimbabwe were nominated for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.*

84. **The President** invited the Council to consider the postponed nomination of one candidate from the Group of Western European and Other States for election by the General Assembly for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005.

85. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Canada had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

86. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to nominate Canada for election by the General Assembly.

87. It was so decided.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (E/2003/L.3/Add.2)

88. **The President** invited the Council to elect 13 members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

89. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Ghana had been endorsed by the Group of African States.

90. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Ghana by acclamation.

91. *It was so decided.*

92. **The President** said he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States, four members from the Group of Asian States, two members from the Group of Eastern European States and three members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

93. *It was so decided.*

94. **The President** reminded the Council that the election of 13 additional members of the Working Group had also been carried over from previous elections. One member from the Group of Eastern European States and one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be elected for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2003. In addition, one member from the Group of African States, two members from the Group of Asian States, two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and six members from the Group of Western European and Other States remained to be elected for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005. In order for the Working Group to maintain a quorum for its meetings, those vacancies must be filled as soon as possible.

Committee for Development Policy
(E/2003/L.3/Add.10)

95. **The Chairman** said he took it that the Council agreed to the proposal, contained in document, E/2003/L.3/Add.10, to postpone the appointment of 24 new members of the Committee for Development Policy until after the Council's substantive session in July.

96. *It was so decided.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund
(E/2003/L.3/Add.3)

97. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

98. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Algeria, Burundi, Djibouti, Malawi and Senegal had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bangladesh, Lebanon and Myanmar had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Belarus had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; El Salvador was the non-endorsed candidate from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, Denmark, Italy and Sweden had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

99. **The President** said that since the number of candidates from all States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

100. *It was so decided.*

101. *Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Burundi, Denmark, Djibouti, El Salvador, Italy, Lebanon, Malawi, Myanmar, Senegal and Sweden were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.*

102. **The President** informed the Council that Germany, Ireland and Luxembourg would relinquish their seats on the UNICEF Executive Board on 1 January 2004. He took it that the Council wished to elect France, Norway and Japan to complete the terms of office of Germany, Ireland and Luxembourg, which would end on 31 December 2005, 31 December 2004 and 31 December 2004, respectively.

103. *It was so decided.*

Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
(A/RES/57/185)

104. **The President** drew attention to General Assembly resolution 57/185 in which the Assembly had decided to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees by three seats and had requested the Council to elect the new members.

105. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that the proposed candidates were Cyprus, Kenya and Yemen.

106. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

107. *It was so decided.*

108. *Cyprus, Kenya and Yemen were elected members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.*

109. **The President** drew attention to a letter from the Permanent Mission of Egypt (E/2003/3) regarding further enlargement of the Executive Committee. The Council would consider that request at its forthcoming substantive session.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund
(E/2003/L.3/Add.4)

110. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

111. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Botswana, Cameroon, Congo, Eritrea and Gambia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China, Indonesia and the Islamic Republic of Iran had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Poland had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Cuba had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

112. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

113. *It was so decided.*

114. *Botswana, Cameroon, China, Congo, Cuba, Denmark, Eritrea, Gambia, Germany, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme
(E/2003/L.3/Add.5)

115. **The President** invited the Council to elect six members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

116. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Senegal had been endorsed by the Group of African States (List A); India and Pakistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States (List B); and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States (List E).

117. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from Lists A, B and E was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

118. *It was so decided.*

119. *India, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and Senegal were elected members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.*

120. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of two members from List D for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

121. *It was so decided.*

Committee for the United Nations Population Award
(E/2003/L.3/Add.7)

122. **The President** invited the Council to elect 10 members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award.

123. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Algeria and Kenya had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bangladesh had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Peru had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and the Netherlands had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

124. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

125. *It was so decided.*

126. *Algeria, Bangladesh, Kenya, the Netherlands and Peru were elected members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award.*

127. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidate, he took it that the council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States, one member from the Group of Asian States, one member from the Group of Eastern European States and two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

128. *It was so decided.*

129. **The President** reminded the Council of the three vacancies on the Committee that had not been filled in previous elections. Two members from the Group of

Asian States and one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be elected for a term of office expiring on 31 December 2003.

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS) (E/2003/L.3/Add.8)

130. **The President** invited the Council to elect nine members of the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

131. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Cape Verde and Swaziland had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China and Japan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; the Czech Republic had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; the Bahamas had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

132. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

133. *It was so decided.*

134. *Bahamas, Cape Verde, China, the Czech Republic, Japan, the Netherlands, Swaziland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom were elected members of the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS).*

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (E/2003/L.3/Add.9)

135. **The President** invited the Council to elect 19 members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

136. **Mr. Gustafik** (Secretary of the Council) said that Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Swaziland had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, Jordan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Belarus and Bulgaria had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Costa Rica, Mexico and Paraguay had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Germany, Greece and Spain had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

137. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

138. *It was so decided.*

139. *Belarus, Bulgaria, Congo, Costa Rica, Germany, Greece, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Paraguay, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka and Swaziland were elected members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.*

140. **The President** said he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Western European and Other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

141. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.